Treasury Department
Augt 7th 1856

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst is received. The trials of your alloys cannot be made at the Navy Yard here as you suggest, with convenience and dispatch. I will therefore thank you to transmit an estimate of the expense of having a boiler fitted under your direction, for making such tests as you consider necessary.

Please to state whether under your present views, you consider Evans's Patent Wire necessary.

You are authorized to rent the premises and employ the hands stated in your letter at the rates stated, for making the alloys.

If you consider it to be the most suitable and satisfactory course, to have the tin and bismuth required in the manufacture abroad, you can do so.

James C. Booth Esq
US Mint
Philadelphia

Very respectfully
Your obed't Ser
P. G. Washington for the
Secretary of the Treasury

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